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National Highway Grids
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of 4 lane and 6 lane National Highways (NHs) across the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal for building scientifc road network pattern in which drivers can take a straight road to reach from one place to another, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to construct NHs grid to cover the entire country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these NH grid will cover all the ports, State capitals and site of tourists and religious places, if so, the details thereof along with the sort of connectivity it would facilitate?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) Out of total length of about 1,03,613 km of National Highways (NHs), about 25,127 km length of NHs are having four or more lanes.

(b) to (d) State roads are declared as new NHs from time to time on the basis of well established principles; the criteria for State roads for declaration as new NHs include roads running through length / breadth of the country, connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers, roads meeting very important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area, arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby, roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions (other than strategically important ones), achieving a National Highways grid of 100 km, etc.

Declaration of State Roads as new NHs are done from time to time keeping in view the requirements of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

About 47,890 km length of State Roads have been approved "In-Principle" for their declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). Initiatives have been taken for their DPR preparations.

The Ministry has taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, along with integration with Sagarmala, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) etc., under proposed new programmes. However, these programmes are yet to be formally launched.
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